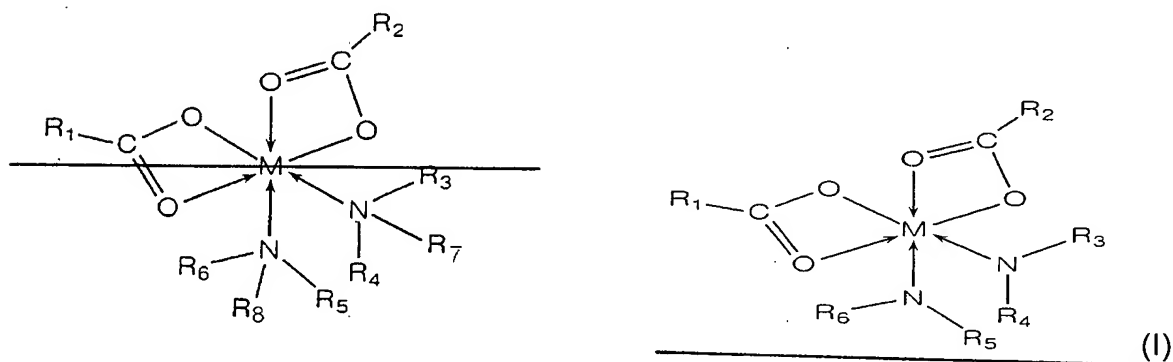


Amendments to the Specification:

On page 4, please replace the third full paragraph after the heading "Summary of the Invention" with the following amended paragraph that bridges page 5.

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a water-scavenging agent for an organic EL device comprising a compound of formula (i) formula (I) as a primary component:



wherein,

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ are each independently hydrogen; halogen; alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl or hetero-ring, optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom,

R₇ and R₈ are each independently C₄₋₁₀-alkyl;

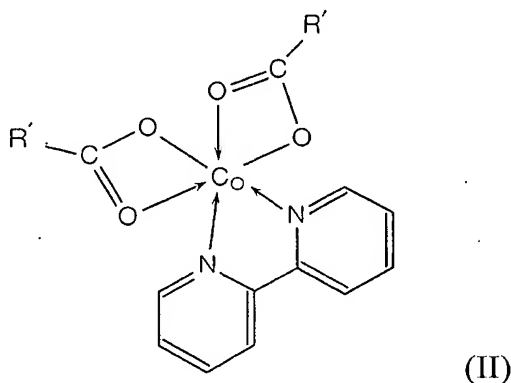
R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ are each independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl, C₁₋₆-hydroxyalkyl or C₃₋₉-alkenyl; or R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ form together with the respective nitrogen atoms attached thereto a condensed aromatic ring containing two nitrogen atoms; and
M is a metal having a coordination number of 6 cobalt, manganese or aluminum.

On page 7, please replace the third full paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

The organo-metallic compound of formula (I) is used as a water-scavenging agent for the water-scavenging agent layer (7). The organo-metallic compound of formula (i), $M(\text{COOR}_1)(\text{COOR}_2)(\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4)(\text{NR}_5\text{R}_6)$ ~~$M(\text{COOR}_1)(\text{COOR}_2)(\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4\text{R}_7)(\text{NR}_5\text{R}_6\text{R}_8)$~~ , has a structure in which the oxygen atoms of the carboxylic groups and the nitrogen atoms of the amino groups of amines are coordinated to metal M having a coordination number of 6.

On page 10, please replace the last full paragraph that bridges page 11 with the following amended paragraph.

$\text{Co}(\text{COOR}')_2(\text{BPY})$, one of the inventive organo-metallic compounds, has the structure of formula (II), wherein M is cobalt and the amine ligand is 2,2'-bipyridyl(BPY):



wherein, R' has the same meaning as R₁ to R₆ and ~~R₂~~.

Please replace the original abstract with the following amended abstract which is found at the end of this paper attached on a separate sheet.